

REMARKS

In the Specification

The Examiner has requested that the specification be amended to add the cross-reference to Reissue Application Serial No. 08/986,327 (now U.S. Patent No. RE37,552) and to U.S. Patent No. 5,473,526, for which this application and U.S. Patent No. RE 37,552 are both reissue applications. Applicants submit such amendment herein.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. 103

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 47-126 under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over Applicants' admitted prior art in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,107,757 to Masuda et al. As indicated above, Applicants have cancelled claims 47-126 in favor of new claims 127-195, thereby rendering the Examiner's rejection of claims 47-126 moot. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of cancelled claims 47-126 (and previously cancelled claims 1-46) in one or more continuation applications.

Concerning new claims 127-195, Applicants' representative discussed the subject matter of independent claims 127, 139, 150, 162, 173 and 185 during several telephone conversations with the Examiner. Applicants would like to take this opportunity to thank the Examiner for his willingness to hold such conversations. As was discussed, in order to expedite allowance of the present application, Applicants agreed to cancel claims 47-126 in favor of new claims 127-195, which the Examiner indicated are allowable over the prior art of record. In particular, there is no teaching or suggestion in either Masuda et al. or

Applicants' Figure 2 of a switch network that is operable to electrically connect a capacitive load and a voltage source and that is further operable to electrically connect the capacitive load and a capacitive storage system, such that when the capacitive storage system and the capacitive load are electrically connected by the switch network, (1) a voltage level of the capacitive storage system tends self stabilize to a second voltage level, as recited in independent claims 127 and 139 and their respective dependent claims, (2) the capacitive storage system is electrically isolated from the voltage source, as recited in independent claims 150 and 162 and their respective dependent claims, or (3) the capacitive storage system and the capacitive load are electrically floating, as recited in independent claims 173 and 185 and their respective dependent claims.

Applicants submit that any statements made during prosecution of the instant application concerning the subject matter of cancelled claims 1-126 and any statements made during prosecution of the parent application (Reissue Application Serial No. 08/986,327) concerning any claims submitted in the parent application are not relevant to and, therefore, in no way should be construed to limit the scope of newly filed claims 127-195.

Applicants' Declaration

In response to the Examiner's objection to the Declaration filed with the Reissue application, attached is a Supplemental Reissue Declaration of the inventors identifying at least one error, which is relied upon to support the reissue application. Applicants submit that the attached Supplemental Reissue

Declaration properly identifies at least one error relied upon to support the reissue application

Consent of Assignee

Applicants submit a new Consent of Assignee executed by the Assignee for the application. Applicants also respectfully request that this Consent for the parent Reissue application be made of record for the Reissue Continuation application.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. 251

Claims 47-126 have been rejected as being based upon a defective reissue Declaration under 35 U.S.C. 251; See 37 CFR 1.175. Applicants submit that the cancellation of claims 47-126 renders the Examiner's rejection moot. Moreover, Applicants submit that new claims 127-195 are supported by the new declaration filed herewith.

Statement as to Loss or Inaccessibility of the Original Patent

The Examiner requests that the original patent, or a statement as to loss or inaccessibility of the original patent, be received before this reissue application is allowed. This is a reissue requesting correction of original U.S. Patent No. 5,473,526, which was submitted to the Patent Office during the course of prosecution of the parent Reissue application, now U.S. Patent No. RE37,552. As this application is a continuation application of RE37,552, and not a Reissue

application of RE37,552, no further submission of any original patent is required. The original patent is lost or inaccessible due to the surrender of the original patent during the reissue proceeding that resulted in RE37,552.

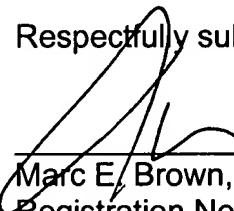
CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that this case is now in condition for allowance and early notice of the same is earnestly requested.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 501946 for payment of any additional fees required by this response or to credit any overpayment to the account, and reference attorney docket no. 61450-027-6806.. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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